

John Dennison fonds

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Fonds Description

John Dennison fonds. – 1962-1980.

1.07 m of textual records.

Biographical Sketch

John Dennison received his B.A. (1954) and M.A. (1960) in Physical Education from the University of British Columbia. After a year at the University of Manitoba, he returned to teach at UBC in 1962 and earned his doctorate in Education from Washington State University in 1967. Dennison participated in over sixty research studies on various aspects of community colleges and also authored more than fifty articles and three books.

Scope and Content

Fonds consists of a variety of research material, including reports (published and unpublished), minutes, papers, and notes relating to the development of community colleges and adult education in British Columbia (1962-1980), including materials relating to Selkirk, Douglas, Capilano, and Okanagan Colleges. Also included are studies, notes and papers related to Dennison's involvement with the Capilano College Council (1969-1973), and a first draft of UBC President John D. Macdonald's "Report on Higher Education in British Columbia".

Notes

Title based on the contents of the fonds.

Finding aid available.

The bulk of the materials were received by the University Archives in 1985. The draft of the "Macdonald Report" was donated by Dr. Dennison in April 2004.

Series Descriptions

Adult Education series. -- 1962-1980.

31 cm.

Series consists of correspondence, reports (both published and unpublished), and clippings regarding adult education, in particular the development of adult education programmes and community colleges in British Columbia.

Administration in Colleges series. -- 1969-1979.

7.5 cm.

Series consists of correspondence and reports (both published and unpublished) regarding the administration of adult education and continuing education programmes and institutions.

B.C. College Site Proposals series. -- 1965-1971.

2 cm.

Series consists of correspondence and reports (both published and unpublished) regarding the selection of sites for community colleges around British Columbia.

Capilano College Council series. -- 1970-1973.

27.5 cm.

Series consists of minutes, reports, and correspondence of the governing council of Capilano College. Also included are calendars published by Capilano, Cariboo, Vancouver Community, Maple Pine, and Okanagan Colleges.

"The Need for Community Colleges" series. -- 1965-1975.

5 cm.

Series consists of reports (published and unpublished), pamphlets, and clippings dealing with plans across Canada for establishing community colleges and adult education programmes.

Capilano College series. -- 1969-1979.

5 cm.

Series consists of reports on the planning and organization of Capilano College.

Ontario series. -- 1972-1973.

2 cm.

Series consists of reports on adult education programmes and community colleges in Ontario.

British Columbia series. -- 1962-1979.

20.5 cm.

Series consists of reports (published and unpublished) on adult education programmes and community colleges in British Columbia, in particular their organization and establishment around the province.

Dennison Papers series. -- 1972-1974.

3.5 cm.

Series consists of papers written by Dennison on community colleges.

"Macdonald Report" series. -- 1962.

3 cm.

Series consists of the first draft of the "Macdonald Report" (full title: "Report on Higher Education in British Columbia"), together with related notes, minutes, and newspaper clippings.

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ADULT EDUCATION

- 1-1 Adult Education
 - A white paper on the education of adults in Canada. 1964
 - Social change & Adult Education.
 - King Edward. A day school for adults. 1963-64
 - Newspaper articles.
 - King Edward Centre. Miscellany. 1963
- 1-2 Adult Education; Addresses; Papers; etc.
- 1-3 College Development to 1971.
- 1-4 College Development post-1971.
- 1-5 College Council.
- 1-6 College Principals Association.
- 1-7 Community Colleges in Vancouver Lower Mainland.
- 1-8 Continuing Education, Articles on.
- 1-9 Educational Policies in Canada.
- 1-10 Proposal for a college in the Vancouver East - Burnaby North area. 1973

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- 2-1 Regional Colleges; Addresses.
- 2-2 Vancouver City College (V.C.C.) Calendars & Handbooks. 1965/66-1967/68
- 2-3 V.C.C. Langara College Campus Proposal / V.C.C. Langara College Campus opening ceremony. 1967-70
- 2-4 Miscellaneous I.
- 2-5 Miscellaneous II.
- 2-6 The Quality of Life. Can the Social sciences Help? L. Marsh. 1980
- Canada's Sub-Literate Adults. B.M. Webb. [n.d.]
- Developing Patterns in Adult Education, R. McCuish. 1962
- Educational Television and Radio in Britain. [n.d.]
- Education in Action: Proposals for a Social Planetarium. L. Marsh. 1973
- Recurrent Education. W.L. Day, Douglas College. 1975
- Education for What? S.S. Ramphal. Mar. 1979

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ADMINISTRATION IN COLLEGES

- 3-1 Douglas College: Handbook for Faculty Members. 1972-73
The Impact of the Colleges and Provincial Institutes Act on the Status of College Instructors, L.L. Perra. Jan. 1979
- 3-2 Patterns of Administration in Public Colleges of B.C., B. Webster. May 1972
- 3-3 Accountability in the Community College. Lambton College, Sarnia, Ontario. Aug. 1971
- 3-4 Admissions and Academic Performances of Students.
- Alumni Study, V.V.I. Campus Graduates. 1973
- Admissions and Standings - A suggested policy, S.F.U. 1969
- 3-5 Characteristics of Candidates writing the GED tests of Douglas College. April 1978
The Dennison-Jones Study of Selkirk College Transfer Students to U.B.C. Sept. 1969

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- 3-6 Capilano College Site Study. 1969
Capilano College Site Selection: Comparative analysis of Cleveland Park site and Inter-River site. 1971
The Corporation of the District of North Vancouver and Capilano College. Joint Committee, To study and recommend on a site for Capilano College. 1970
Competition for the West Kootenay Regional College: Conditions of Competition. [n.d.]
A General Site Location Study for a Regional College for the Okanagan Area of B.C. 1965

CAPILANO COLLEGE COUNCIL

- 3-7 Capilano College Council - Notes (April 6, 1970 - Feb. 2, 1970)
- 3-8 Capilano College Council - Notes (Feb. 6, 1970 - April 6, 1970)
- 3-9 Capilano College Council - Notes (May 7, 1970 - July 6, 1970)
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- 4-4 Capilano College Council - Notes (Dec. 6, 1971 - Feb. 21, 1971)
- 4-5 Capilano College Council - Notes (Mar. 6, 1972 - Apr. 17, 1972)
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- 4-7 Capilano College Council - Notes (Dec. 18, 1972 - Feb. 19, 1972)
- 4-8 Capilano College Council - Notes (Apr. 2, 1973 - Aug. 6, 1973)
- 4-9 College Calendars - Capilano, Cariboo, V.C.C., Maple Pine, Okanagan.

THE NEED FOR COMMUNITY COLLEGES

- 4-10 A National Seminar on the Community Colleges in Canada. 1966
Workshop on Information, Scarborough, Ontario. 1969

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- 5-1 The College. Report on the States and Needs of College Education, Report to the Quebec Minister of Education. July 1975
Guidance for CAAT'S. Educational Planning Department, O.I.S.E. 1966
- 5-2 Newspaper Articles. Douglas College.
- 5-3 Miscellaneous Pamphlets
 - College Standards. 1966; Guide to Post Secondary Education in British Columbia, 1967.
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 - Vocational Schools of B.C., 1965/66.
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Capilano College: Position Paper for Conference of Presidents and Principals, U.B.C. Apr. 1969
The Academic Board for Higher Education in B.C. Report on Capilano College. Feb. 1972

- Career and Vocational Education Division. The Present and Future. Apr. 1974
- 5-5 An Investigation of the Need for Permanent Facilities at Capilano College. July 1972
Capilano College. Instructional and Service Specifications. 1974-1979

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- 5-6 The Association of Professional Engineers of the Province of Ontario, Re: "The Learning Society." 1973
The Effectiveness of the Colleges of Applied Arts & Technology of Ontario, v. 1, J. Goss. 1972
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- 5-7 Vocational/Technical Education in the Province of B.C., D. Kremer. 1976
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Conference on Regional Colleges. Addresses. U.B.C. July 1963
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- 5-8 A Regional College for the Okanagan Valley.
Community College for the Okanagan Mainline area of Kelowna B.C. 1962
An Evaluation of the present method of establishing Regional Colleges in B.C. June 1967
East Kelowna Community College: A Plan for Development. 1975-1978
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- 5-9 College Feasibility Study. Valley College Task Force. Nov. 1973
- 5-10 The Provision of University Degree Programmes in the Interior of B.C.: A series of proposals. May 1976
A Regional College in the Okanagan. [n.d.]

A Brief Supporting the Establishment of a Junior College in the south Okanagan.

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- 6-1 A Regional College for Vancouver Island, Part II. 1966
- 6-2 Regional College Feasibility Study for School Districts. 1968
A Statement of the Founding Philosophy of Douglas College with Recommendations concerning multi-campus development. Apr. 1973
- 6-3 A Report on the Problems of Higher Education in B.C. [n.d.]
The Role of District and Regional Colleges in B.C.'s System of Higher Education. Jan. 1965
The 1st Assembly of the College Councils of the Public Colleges of B.C. 1971
Helping to Develop a Provincial Continuing & Community Education Policy. 1976
- 6-4 Conference on University & College Enrolments. 1969
Youth and Participation in E.C. Post Secondary Education. 1979
- 6-5 Vancouver City College. Miscellaneous Publications.
- 6-6 Institutional Analysis of Mount Royal College, Calgary, Alberta. 1964
- 6-7 Canadian Commission for the Community College. Colleges Assembly, Ottawa. Nov. 1980
- 6-8 Canadian Community College Counselling Departments. A National Survey. J.D. Patterson. 1972
Administration Directory of B.C. Regional And District Colleges.
W. Kootenay Regional College: Equipment lists for the Departments of Math and Physics and the Electrical-Electronic Program.
Student Tuition. Y. Jones. Dec. 1973
Unit Tuition for the Community College. Y. Jones. Dec. 1973
Education for a Changing World. UNICEF. 1977

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DENNISON PAPERS

- 7-1 "A Socio-Economic Study of College Students". 1974
- 7-2 "The Community College - Meeting the Challenge?" 1972
- 7-3 "The Characteristics of Community College Students". 1973
- 7-4 "The Community College Concept and its Application to Post-Secondary Education in Australia". 1974

"MACDONALD REPORT"

7-5 First draft of the "Report on Higher Education in British Columbia" 1962